

April 22, 2019 Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Mayer, Supervisor Cobb, Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: (see attached list in permanent record book)

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Chris Mayer and seconded by Gloria Cobb to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mr. Gaulke stated the purpose of this meeting is to get approval for funding of the new construction/addition to the fire hall. Glen Morrison architect for the project is here to answer any questions you may have for him. Mr. Morrison stated he had been working with the fire department for several years and after several drafts what is presented today is the latest draft. The current building is approximately 5000 square feet. The apparatus room about 2000 square feet. The addition is about 8000 square feet. The building will have 14 foot doors to fit our larger equipment and this should sustain us for many years. There are many new requirements to meet codes such as a hazard shower which is shown and takes up a large space. There will be a second floor on the new addition which can be used for training and storage or possibly sleeping quarters. The building will be slanted to allow for visibility for the trucks coming out. Mr. Morrison's estimate for the addition would be \$1,750,000.

Other questions asked regarding emergency lighting when pulling out of the building to the street which would require DOT involvement, tribal involvement in grants that could be obtained, to rebuild at a different location which would have to be out of town as there is no land available in town to rebuild, getting money out of the Ambulance Fund which is used to purchase new equipment, what the assessment would be on the tax payers on a \$100,000 home. Mr. Gaulke responded depending on the rates we could obtain the assessment on a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$7.50 on a 15 year loan based on our equalized evaluation. The Town of Minocqua actually found out River Valley Bank had a better rate than the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Fund. Applying for grants and getting grants can take some time which would delay the construction and increasing the costs. Getting an approved grant could take us into the year 2021.

Motion by Shirley Baucaro to approve the Town Board to go forward with the construction plans and secure the funding of \$1,750,000 for the project. Motion seconded by Robert Hanson. Mr. Gaulke asked the electors for a count of those who are in favor of the motion. 25 were in favor. Electors not in favor of the motion. 1. The motion carried at a vote of 25 to 1.

Motion by Robert Hanson seconded by Jim Sommerfeldt to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:39. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk